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C O N F I D E N T I A L BUDAPEST 2106

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: POSSIBLE LEADERSHIP CHANGE

REF: BUDAPEST 2048

1. FAIRLY RELIABLE EMBASSY SOURCE HAS REPORTED THAT THERE ARE INCREASING RUMORS RE RETIREMENT OF PREMIER JENO FOCK. CHANGE WOULD OCCUR SOMETIME IN DECEMBER. SOURCE STATED THAT FOCK IS TIRED OF POLITICAL INFIGHTING AND IS UNDER CONSTANT ATTACK BY SOVIETS AND THEIR SUPPORTERS. FOCK ALSO REPORTEDLY IS REAL BELIEVER IN PURITY OF NEM AND VERY MUCH MISSES GUIDING HAND OF NYERS OVER ECONOMIC POLICY.

2. SOURCE SAYS DOWNFALL OF FOCK FORECAST BY EARLIER REMOVAL OF HIS CLOSE ASSOCIATES NYERS AND ACZEL FROM CC SECRETARCY FSM SAID PULLAI SEEMED TO BE GETTING STRONGER.

GWM THIS IS SECOND SOURCE TO REPORT INDEPENDENTLY IN LAST MONTH THAT FOCK MAY BE ON WAY OUT AND PULLAI ENVANCING (SEE REFTEL). SEVERAL HUNGARIAN SOURCES REPORTING INCREASED INFIGHTING IN TOP LEADERSHIP WITH
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"MODERATES" AT LEAST TEMPORARILY IN WEAKER POSITION.

4. WE DO NOT HAVE A CLEAR ASSESSMENT ON LIKELIHOOD OF
REPORTED DEVELOPMENT ABOUT FOCK, BUT IT IS CLEAR THAT THERE
HAS BEEN MORE DISCUSSION OF POSSIBLE FURTHER HIGH LEVEL
CHANGES DURING PAST COUPLE OF WEEKS.
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